

Thermo Scientific Niton(R) alloy analysers at World Recycling Convention and Exhibition

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The World Recycling Convention and Exhibition organised by the Bureau of International Recycling (BIR) celebrated the international trade federation's 60th anniversary in Monte Carlo last month. The delegates were brought up to date on the latest issues in recycling through a variety of plenary sessions, guest speakers and topical workshops.

One delegate with particular reason to feel satisfied with the convention was Robert Voss, chairman and managing director of Voss International, the UK international metal trading company. Having left his business card in a raffle on the Thermo Scientific stand, he won a Niton XL3t alloy analyser worth over GBP 20 000.

"I visited the stand as we were thinking of buying a Niton instrument for one of our overseas yards," said Voss, who is also Chairman of the Convention Committee of the BIR and Chairman of its newly formed International Trade Council. "It will be particularly useful to us for identifying higher value materials such as nickel and high temperature alloys."

"We were delighted that the prize was won by a UK delegate," said Michael Sibbald, sales and marketing director of Niton UK, which markets the Thermo Scientific Niton range of analysers in the United Kingdom. "The instruments have become increasingly popular in the UK, particularly in the metals recycling sector."

The hand-held instruments operate on the principle of x-ray fluorescence, which uses x-rays to excite atoms in the sample and measures the fluorescent x-rays that are re-emitted. From this they then rapidly determine the elements present as well as their relative concentrations.

Founded in 1948, the BIR is a non-profit-making international trade federation representing the world's recycling industry. It keeps its members informed of legal, commercial and technical developments in the recycling sector.

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Robert Voss (second from right) receiving the Niton XL3t from Thermo Fisher Scientific sales director for the Niton hand-held analysers, Dr Olaf Haupt. Michael Sibbald, sales and marketing director of Niton UK, is on the far right, while on the far left is Thermo Fisher Scientific area manager Christopher Calam.

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